

#### **14. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

As required by Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (33 CFR Part 230, 02 February 1988), an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and assess environmental impacts of constructing a project at Lake Belle View, Belleville, Wisconsin, has been completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District.

I have reviewed the information provided by this Environmental Assessment, along with the data obtained from Federal and state agencies having jurisdiction by law or special expertise, and from the interested public. I find the proposed aquatic restoration project at Lake Belle View, Wisconsin, would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. Therefore, it is my recommendation that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This determination may be reevaluated if warranted by further developments.

An array of features and alternatives was considered for the restoration project. Features considered include:

- No Federal Action
- River Diversion
- Wetland Enhancement
- Periodic Drawdown
- Fish Passage Structures
- Sediment Removal

The preferred alternative is the Eastern Diversion with Eastern Riffles with 15 Acres of Dredging. It consists of diverting the Sugar River around Lake Belle View along a northern and eastern route through construction of a berm, construction of riffles along the eastern shore, excavation of a new river channel, wetland enhancement, and 15 acres of lake dredging.

Factors considered in making the determination that an Environmental Impact Statement was not required were as follows:

- a. The project is anticipated to improve the value of the Lake Belle View area for fish and wildlife.
- b. Aside from temporary disturbance during construction periods, no long-term adverse effects to natural or cultural resource are anticipated. No federal or state endangered or threatened species would be affected by the proposed action.
- c. The project is in compliance with Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- d. No significant economic impacts are expected to occur in the project area.

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(Date)

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